

family. We are all humbly indebted to Hugh's service, and a grateful Nation honors his memory.

RECOGNIZING NAVAL HOSPITAL
PENSACOLA FOR BEING A TOP
PROVIDER OF PATIENT SATIS-
FACTION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Naval Hospital Pensacola in my district for being named the best mid-sized Department of Defense hospital in the nation for patient satisfaction.

Last month, the 2006 annual TRICARE conference focused on Department of Defense health facilities that excel in providing healthcare to active service members, retirees, and their families, and I am proud to know that those who so bravely serve our country can come to Northwest Florida for quality healthcare.

I also want to commend Naval Hospital Pensacola's Commanding Officer, Captain Matt Nathan, for leading the hospital over the last 2 years and ensuring that his staff deliver the best services possible to those in need. This award reflects as much on the staff that oversee the day-to-day operation of the hospital, including patient care and follow-up. Naval Hospital Pensacola has long been a top provider of customer satisfaction because of this outstanding staff, and I am proud to see them along with Captain Nathan take the hospital to the number one spot.

I am confident that all of those who work at Naval Hospital Pensacola will continue to strive toward the best healthcare for our active and retired service members and their families well into the future. It is this kind of health care that should serve as a model for how we should take care of those who dedicate their lives toward the freedom of this great Nation and the rest of the world.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Naval Hospital Pensacola as being the top medium-sized Department of Defense hospital in our Nation, and I wish them great success down the road.

HONORING PROVENA ST. JOSEPH
MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Provena St. Joseph Medical Center as they receive the "Salute To Accomplishment" award from the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Provena St. Joseph Medical Center is located in Joliet, Illinois and serves my 11th District Congressional constituents.

Provena St. Joseph Medical Center was founded in 1882 and is located in downtown Joliet. In 1964, the hospital moved to its

present location at 333 North Madison Street on Joliet's west side. Today, the Medical Center has a medical staff of more than 400 physicians representing over 50 medical specialties and employs over 2,200 professional, technical and support personnel.

Provena St. Joseph Medical Center has received numerous accreditations including the following departments: Ultrasound Department, Neurology Lab, Vascular Lab, Cancer Care Center, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Unit, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, and the CT Scan Facility. Jeff Brickman, President and CEO of Provena St. Joseph Medical Center, has stated that, "At Provena St. Joseph Medical Center we strive to provide the community with the highest quality of patient care every day." The many awards and accreditations received by Provena St. Joseph are a testimony to the truth of this statement.

Provena St. Joseph Medical Center is affiliated with the Provena Family Health Centers located in Coal City, New Lenox and Plainfield. The Medical Center is a division of Provena Health which has a history of providing health care to everyone regardless of their ability to pay for services. The heart of their mission is to "build communities of healing and hope." Provena St. Joseph Medical Center truly lives up to the standards of its founding fathers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other facilities in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's families and communities.

THANKING HELGA BROWN FOR
HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement in February 2006, I rise to thank Ms. Helga Brown for 23 years of outstanding service to the United States House of Representatives.

A native of Bad Reichenhall, Germany, Helga has served this great institution in mail processing, sales clerk, and payment processing positions within the offices of the Doorkeeper, Clerk, and the Chief Administrative Officer. She began her career at the House on February 24, 1983 in the Folding Room, where she assisted House offices with the preparation and packaging of mail. In 1988, after 5 years of hard work in the Folding Room, she transferred to the Office Supply store, where she started as a sales clerk. Helga's knowledge, enthusiasm and friendliness endeared her to her customers and co-workers. She always went the extra mile to assist House staffers and Office Supply Store visitors with their purchases or questions. Helga moved from the Office Supply sales floor to the payment processing department, where she quickly learned the new MCBA and FFS payment processing software. She proved to be an excellent worker in this area too, doing everything necessary to provide swift and correct payments to supply vendors. In addition to making prompt and accurate payments, Helga also assisted with the reconciliation of cash sales.

After 10 years in Office Supply, Helga briefly served as receptionist at Office Systems Management within House Support Services, again providing superior service to the House community. Her outstanding work prompted Office Supply to seek her out again, and she returned there to process payments. The Vendor Management department of House Support Services also recognized her abilities, and she finally transferred permanently there on August 1, 1999. Even years after her transition from the sales floor to the accounts payable section of Office Supply and Vendor Management, customers remembered how well she had helped them in the past, and would often seek her out for guidance, or just for a friendly chat. She has managed the processing of the majority of the countless payments for office supplies ordered by House Offices through Vendor Management. She painstakingly researched delivery documentation and invoices in order to ensure accuracy and swiftness of payments. Always a cheerful volunteer for special projects, Helga eagerly went above and beyond the call of duty. One of these special projects was a temporary detail back to her old position in Office Supply to assist with daily deposits and accounts. Her standard of excellence, dedication, professionalism, and pleasant disposition have earned her the admiration and respect of all of her customers and coworkers.

Helga will be greatly missed by the many friends and acquaintances that she has made throughout the entire House community over the years. We thank her for a job well done, and we wish her many happy years of retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOM-
PLISHMENTS OF MRS. CORETTA
SCOTT KING

SPEECH OF

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, on January 31, just one day before the start of Black History Month, we lost one of our Nation's most important civil rights pioneers—Coretta Scott King. Black History Month is an appropriate opportunity to mourn her death, celebrate her extraordinary life, and reflect on the extraordinary partnership of Mrs. King and her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Although Dr. King was the heart and face of the civil rights movement, Mrs. King was its backbone. She marched alongside her husband in Selma to demand voting rights for African Americans. She marched with him again in Washington to demand a Federal law protecting the civil rights of all Americans. And she marched with her husband in Memphis one day before he was killed, to provide relief for the sanitation workers facing entrenched discrimination.

After Dr. King's murder in 1968, Coretta Scott King fought with enormous grace and determination to keep her husband's legacy alive. She founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change to further his dream of racial equality, and fought tirelessly to establish a national holiday to honor her late husband. Although it took her 15